

Combative Sports Advisory Board

Compliance Division Report

March 24, 2017

Statistics

- Combative Sports statistics are compiled from December 1, 2016, to present. Total Events To Date = 36
 - a. Amateur MMA = 12
 - b. Amputee Boxing = 1
 - c. Boxing = 11
 - d. Combo = 5
 - e. MMA = 7
 - f. Muay Thai = 0

Here are our numbers from December 1, 2015, to March 31, 2016. Total Events To Date = 44

- a. Amateur MMA = 13
- b. Amputee Boxing = 0
- c. Boxing = 22
- d. Combo = 2
- e. MMA = 7
- f. Muay Thai = 0

Projects

- New rule changes for MMA were proposed at the 2016 Association of Boxing Commissions Annual Convention. Definitions were re-written for clarification. Such things as a downed fighter, means for referees to ably stop eye pokes, and a lifting of the prohibition of heel kicks to the kidneys, were proposed, among others.

Here are the proposed updates for the Unified Rules:

1. 12 to 6 elbows- All elbow strikes legal to approved targets.
2. Heel Kicks to the kidney.
3. Grabbing the clavicle.
4. Striking the back of the head or spine-
“The back of the head is defined as the area covering a 2-inch-wide strip that runs down the center of the back of the head starting at the crown and running straight down the (nape of the) neck and spine, including the tailbone.”
5. Butting with the head- Not allowed to head or body.
6. Kicking or kneeing the head of a grounded fighter- “A grounded fighter is defined as: Any part of the body, other than a hand and feet touching the fighting area floor. To be grounded, both hands palm/fist down, and/or any other body part must be touching the fighting area floor. At this time, kicks or knees to the head will not be allowed.”
7. Eye Pokes- Moving forward toward opponent with fingers outreached in the standing position, a fighter that moves their arm(s) toward their opponent with an open hand, fingers pointing at the opponent’s face/eyes, will be a foul. Referees are to prevent this dangerous behavior by communicating clearly to fighters. Fighters are directed to close their fists or point their fingers straight in the air when reaching toward their opponent.

Currently we are using the following Unified Rules:

1. Head butts
2. Kicks, punches or any strikes to the groin.
3. Spitting or biting.
4. Striking or grabbing the throat area
5. Grabbing the trachea
6. Kneeing to the head of a grounded opponent.
7. Kicking to the head of a grounded opponent.
8. Hair pulling
9. Engaging in any unsportsmanlike conduct that causes an injury to an opponent.
10. Attacking on the break
11. Attacking after the bell has sounded
12. Intentionally pushing, shoving, wrestling, or throwing an opponent out of the fight area.
13. Holding the fence or the ropes.
14. Using abusive language in the fighting area.
15. The use of any foreign substances on any contestant’s hair, body or equipment.
16. Eye gouging of any kind.
17. Fish hooking
18. Putting a finger into any orifice or into any cut or laceration on an opponent.
19. Small joint manipulation.
20. Striking to the spine or the back of the head.
21. Striking downward using the point of the elbow.
22. Clawing, pinching, or twisting the flesh.
23. Grabbing the clavicle.
24. Stomping a grounded opponent.

25. Kicking to the kidney with the heel.
26. Spiking an opponent to the canvas on his head or neck.
27. Holding the shorts or gloves of an opponent.
28. Flagrantly disregarding the instructions of the referee.
29. Attacking an opponent who is under the care of the referee.
30. Timidity, including without limitation, avoiding contact with an opponent, intentionally or consistently dropping the mouthpiece or faking an injury.
31. Throwing in the towel during competition.
32. Interference by the corner.

- Rule 16 Tex. Admin. Code Sec. 61.20(d) states: “Each applicant must submit a completed application or renewal form, a contestant consent form for drug testing as required by the department, and pay the appropriate fees.” Combative Sports is currently looking into the possibility of having promoters paying for drug testing instead of the contestant.

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Case Highlights

- On December 5, an agreed order in Case Number BOX20160022855 was entered against Francisco A. Leal d/b/a Aztlan Boxing Promotions, a licensed combative sports promoter, assessing an administrative penalty of \$750 and probating the suspension of the promoter license for 1 year for failing to pay the statutory 3% state tax due for an event within 3 business days. On May 26, 2016, Mr. Leal promoted an event in Houston, Texas and did not pay the required tax within the allotted time.
- On January 18, an agreed order in Case Number BOX20170002392 was entered against Thomas A. Burghardt, a licensed combative sports contestant, assessing an administrative penalty of \$500 for testing positive for a prohibited substance before a bout. On September 16, 2016, Mr. Burghardt participated in a combative sports event in Cedar Park, Texas, and subsequently tested positive for Cannabinoid, a prohibited substance.
- On January 23, a default order in Case Number BOX20160025698 was entered against Alfonso H. Gaus, a licensed combative sports contestant, assessing an administrative penalty of \$500 for testing positive for a prohibited substance before a bout. On July 16, 2016, Mr. Gaus participated in a combative sports event in McAllen, Texas, and subsequently tested positive for Marijuana Metabolite, a prohibited substance.
- On January 23, a default order in Case Number BOX20140013161 was entered against Chauncey L. Pope Jr., a licensed combative sports promoter, assessing an administrative penalty of \$3,000 for failing to submit tax documentation and the statutory 3% state tax due for an event within 3 business days. On May 28, 2014, Mr. Pope promoted an event in Galveston, Texas and did not submit the properly completed tax documentation and pay the required tax within the allotted time.
- On February 8, a default order in Case Numbers BOX20150023701 and BOX20160001247 was entered against League of Extraordinary Fighters BX Prom, a licensed combative sports promoter, assessing an administrative penalty of \$4,000 and suspending the promoter license for 1 year for failing to bear all financial responsibility for an event. On May 8, 2015, a combative sports event was held in Beaumont, Texas and the promoter did pay the contestants or judge required fees per a contract.
- On February 8, a default order in Case Numbers BOX20160022862 and BOX20160023664 was entered against David Garza d/b/a Keyser Entertainment, a licensed combative sports promoter, assessing a \$6,000 penalty and suspending the promoter license for 1 year for failing to pay the statutory 3% tax due for an event, and failing to provide the required medical insurance for contestants. On June 8, 2016 Mr. Garza promoted an event in Laredo, Texas and did not pay the statutory tax or provide medical insurance coverage for the constants.

Key Statistics

Shown below are key statistics for the Combative Sports program and for all TDLR programs combined through February of Fiscal Year 2017.

<u>Statistic</u>	<u>BOX</u>	<u>TDLR</u>
• Number of cases opened:	46	6,017
• Number of cases resolved:	44	5,617
• Number of Agreed Orders:	18	1,111
• Total amount of penalties assessed:	\$33,250	\$2,732,425
• Total amount of penalties collected:	\$3,950	\$1,092,760

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Contestant	FY 16	FY 17	To Date
New Licenses Issued	717	57	4
Renewed Licenses Issued	45	63	58
Total Population	811	712	712

Event Coordinators	FY 16	FY 17	To Date
New Licenses Issued	3	1	0
Renewed Licenses Issued	1	1	1
Total Population	4	5	5

Judge	FY 16	FY 17	To Date
New Licenses Issued	9	2	0
Renewed Licenses Issued	54	13	3
Total Population	62	60	60

Manager	FY 16	FY 17	To Date
New Licenses Issued	20	1	1
Renewed Licenses Issued	11	6	1
Total Population	31	28	28

Matchmaker	FY 16	FY 17	To Date
New Licenses Issued	4	2	1
Renewed Licenses Issued	5	2	2
Total Population	11	10	10

Promoter	FY 16	FY 17	To Date
New Licenses Issued	9	2	0
Renewed Licenses Issued	41	1	6
Total Population	49	41	41

Referee	FY 16	FY 17	To Date
New Licenses Issued	6	2	0
Renewed Licenses Issued	43	9	3
Total Population	54	53	53

Second	FY 16	FY 17	To Date
New Licenses Issued	1,796	375	148
Renewed Licenses Issued	179	51	10
Total Population	2,015	1,939	1,939

Amateur Combative Sports Association	FY 16	FY 17	To Date
New Licenses Issued	2	1	0
Renewed Licenses Issued	13	1	1
Total Population	15	13	13

Combined Totals	FY 16	FY 17
New Individual Licenses Issued	2,555	443
Renewed Individual Licenses Issued	338	152
Total Population	2,988	2,848